

fastening member 614 operatively connected to the mating member 616 placing the entryway in a closed position.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1, 8, 9, 12, 14, 18 and 19 as follows:

Sub 37 1. (Amended) A bag for carrying a ball wherein said bag includes a single outer member defining an exterior surface and configured in the shape of a ball and having an opening positioned therein for inserting and removing a ball from the single outer member, said bag comprising a carrying handle ⁶⁰ operatively connected in a predetermined position to said single outer member at a location other than the opening, said carrying handle having an elongated strap ⁶⁴ having a first end and a second end, said first end being operatively connected to said exterior surface of said outer member, said second end terminating in a connecting member, and ⁷⁶ ⁷⁰ ⁹² a loop member having a mounting end and cooperating connecting member, ¹ said mounting end being operatively mounted on the exterior surface and said cooperating connecting member interacting with said connecting member forming a carrying

handle wherein said connecting member and said cooperating connecting member are moveable relative to each other; and a fastening member located within said opening and extending in a selected direction on said single outer member wherein at least a portion thereof extends in a direction substantially perpendicular to said carrying handle, said carrying handle being positioned to refrain from interfering with the inserting and removing of a ball from said single outer member defining the bag.

2. The bag of claim 1 wherein the configured shape of a ball is in the shape of a round ball.

3. The bag of claim 1 wherein the configured shape of a ball is in the shape of a basketball.

4. The bag of claim 1 wherein the configured shape of a ball is in the shape of a baseball.

5. The bag of claim 1 wherein the configured shape of a ball is in the shape of a soccer ball.

6. The bag of claim 1 wherein the configured shape of a ball is in the shape of a football.

7. The bag of claim 1 further comprising at least one outer pocket positioned on the exterior surface of said outer member at a location other than the opening and having an entryway enabling the insertion and removal of an article from said one outer pocket.

Sub B7 8. (Amended) The bag of claim 7 wherein said one outer pocket is formed of a solid fabric.

9. (Amended) The bag of claim 7 wherein said one outer pocket is formed of a mesh fabric.

Sub B5 10. The bag of claim 7 wherein said one outer pocket includes an interior cavity and said entryway communicates with and provides access to said interior cavity.

11. The bag of claim 7 wherein said entryway includes a zipper which has an open position and a closed position, said zipper when in an open position affording access to the interior cavity of said one outer pocket.

Sub B7 12. (Amended) The bag of claim 7 further comprising a flap operatively connected to at least one of said entryway and said exterior surface of the outer member, said flap having an open position and a closed position, said flap when in an open position affording access through said entryway to the interior cavity of said one outer pocket.

Sub B7 13. The bag of claim 7 wherein said outer pocket includes a second fastening member which cooperates with a mating member located on at least one of a flap and exterior surface of the outer member.

Sub B7 14. (Amended) The bag of claim 7 wherein said second fastening member and said mating member are mating elements defining a hook and loop fastener.

Sub B⁹ 15. The bag of claim 7 wherein said second fastening member is at least one of a button and a button hole and said mating member is the other of said at least one of a button and a button hole.

16. The bag of claim 7 wherein said second fastening member is at least one of a rotatable fastener and an aperture for receiving a rotatable fastener and said mating member is the other of said at least one of a rotatable fastener and an aperture for receiving a rotatable fastener.

17. The bag of claim 9 wherein said mesh fabric is formed of an elastic material.

Sub B¹⁰ 18. (Amended) A bag for holding a ball comprising an outer member having an exterior surface configured in the shape of a ball and defining an inner enclosed space, said exterior surface including an opening formed therein in a selected direction and in communication with said inner enclosed space for affording the insertion and removal of ball therefrom;

a carrying handle having a first end and a second end operatively connected in a predetermined position to said outer member at a location other than the opening;

a fastening member having an open and a closed position, said fastening member being operatively connected to said opening wherein at least a portion thereof extends in a direction substantially perpendicular to said first end and said

second end of the carrying handle and being adapted to make said opening an unsecured opening when said fastening member is in the open position and adapted to make said opening a secured opening when said fastening member is in a closed position; and at least one outer pocket positioned on and protruding outwardly from the exterior surface of said outer member at a location other than the opening and having an entryway enabling the insertion and removal of an article from said one outer pocket.

19. (Amended) The bag of claim 18 having at least two outer pockets positioned on said exterior surface of the outer member and protruding outwardly at a location other than said opening and spaced from said carrying handle, said at least one outer pocket having an entryway enabling the insertion and removal of an article from said at least one outer pocket independent of a ball being located in said inner enclosed space.

SUB 3 20. The bag of claim 18 wherein said carrying handle is positioned at least substantially perpendicular to at least a portion of said opening.

Please add new claims 21 through 23;

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21. A bag for holding a ball comprising
a single outer member having an exterior surface configured
in the shape of a ball and defining an inner enclosed space,
said exterior surface including an opening formed therein in a
selected direction and in communication with said inner enclosed
space for affording the insertion and removal of ball from said
single outer member;
a carrying handle having a first end and a second end
operatively connected in a predetermined position to said outer
member at a location other than the opening;
a fastening member having an open and a closed position,
said fastening member being operatively connected to said
opening wherein at least a portion thereof extends in a
direction substantially perpendicular to said first end and said
second end of the carrying handle and being adapted to make said
opening an unsecured opening when said fastening member is in
the open position and adapted to make said opening a secured
opening when said fastening member is in a closed position and

at least one outer pocket positioned on and protruding outwardly from the exterior surface of said single outer member at a location other than the opening and having an entryway enabling the insertion and removal of an article from said one outer pocket.

22. The bag of claim 21 having at least two outer pockets positioned on said exterior surface of the outer member and protruding outwardly at a location other than said opening and spaced from said carrying handle, said at least one outer pocket having an entryway enabling the insertion and removal of an article from said at least one outer pocket independent of a ball being located in said inner enclosed space.

23. The bag of claim 21 wherein said carrying handle is operatively connected in a predetermined position to said single outer member at a location other than the opening, said carrying handle having an elongated strap having a first end and a second end, said first end being operatively connected to said exterior surface of said outer member, ~~said second end~~ terminating in a connecting member, and a loop member having a mounting end and cooperating connecting member, said mounting end being

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operatively mounted on the exterior surface and said cooperating connecting member interacting with said connecting member forming a carrying handle wherein said connecting member and said cooperating connecting member are moveable relative to each other.

ADDITIONAL FEES

One additional independent claim at a fee of \$40.00 and three additional claims in excess of twenty claims at a fee of \$27.00 have been added by this amendment. A check is enclosed herewith in the amount of \$512.00 covering a Petition Fee of \$445.00 for a three (3) month extension of time to respond and the \$67.00 fee for the additional claims. No additional fees are deemed due herein. However, if any fees are required for any reason, please charge the same to Deposit Account No. 13-2515.

REMARKS

Claims

Claims 1 through 20 are pending in this Application. New Claims 21 through 23 have been added by this Amendment.